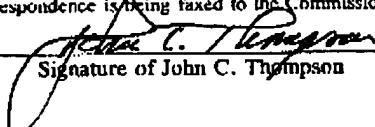


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PATENT APPLICATION

Appl. No. : 10/653,822
Applicant : Klaus Galehr et al
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action of June 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Description begin on the following page entitled Amendments to the Description.

Amendments to the claims begin on the following page entitled Amendments to the claims and are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on that page.

Remarks/Arguments begin on the following page entitled Remarks/Arguments.

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Amendment to the Description:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 30, with the following amended paragraph:

The working end 38 of the applicator 14 is provided with a substance transfer element 42 which can be configured in any suitable desired manner. For example, the substance transfer element 42 can be configured as a brush, as bristles, as flocking, or as a sponge, and is preferably coated with a first component of the substance which is to be applied. Upon dipping or submersion of the working end 38 of the applicator into the fluid 30, which is a second component of the substance to be applied, a chemical reaction occurs between the first component of the substance which has previously been applied on the working end 38 of the applicator and the second component or fluid 30 such that the chemical reaction results in the creation of the desired substance to be applied.